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1. There is no electric power in the village of Gradets (N 44-02, E 22-45), Vidin Okoliya, which has a population of 5,000. It is estimated that there are about 47 radio sets in Gradets, all of which are battery-operated. Batteries are difficult to obtain and are sold at 3,500 leva each in Sofia. People are allowed to purchase one battery every six months. Radio tubes are also difficult to obtain and are sold at 10,000 leva each.
2. People who are apprehended listening to the Voice of America or the British Broadcasting Company are not formally accused of listening to foreign broadcasts, but are charged with being enemies of the people, which gives the accusation a semblance of legality.
3. Broadcasts by Vlada Karastoyanova are especially popular. The reception is satisfactory on medium wave, whereas short wave broadcasts are inaudible because of jamming.

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